

## Dates for the Diary

### Wed 13 March

#### Assembly

Hosts: Yurwin, Jooba Budgiel & Tamariki (K—Yr 6)  
Parent Engagement Session

### Fri 15 March

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

### Mon 18 March

Volunteer Information Session

### Thurs 21 March

Harmony Day

## Reminders

### Wednesday, 13 March

#### Assembly

Hosted by Yurwin, Jooba Budgiel & Tamariki  
All welcome

### WANTED: NETBALL COACHES

If you are interested in coaching the Macquarie Primary School Community Netball teams this year, please contact Fleur at [mfroddam@bigpond.com](mailto:mfroddam@bigpond.com). Training days are flexible but games are Saturday mornings.



## From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

Can you believe we have hit the halfway mark for the term? Everyone is so settled in their classes, it feels like it is much later in the year.

### VOLUNTEERING AT SCHOOL

Are you interested in volunteering but aren't sure how to start? Need some more information? We are holding a short information session on how to volunteer at school on **Monday, 18 March at 9am** (just after morning lines) in the staffroom. Please come and have a cuppa, listen to Jess and I explain the how and what of volunteering at Macquarie. If you are interested, please RSVP via the Front Office on 6142 1550 or [admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au](mailto:admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au).

### PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

We held an information session last Monday night aimed at our Kindergarten families in supporting early readers. A big thank you to Karen, Andrea and Monique for their time and efforts providing valuable information for families.

I hope many of you can join us at our first Parent Engagement session this **Wednesday, 13 March** in the EALD room (adjacent to the library). Jodie and Amy (our school psychologist) will be presenting information and answering any questions you have about social development and how to support your child to manage changes in social dynamic, challenging social situations or difficulty interacting within their friendship circles.

Save the date – we will be holding a NAPLAN information session on **Wednesday, 10 April** in the library. The first half of the session will be sharing our school results from 2018 and the second half will be aimed at families whose children will be participating in the assessment process this year.



### Office Hours

Monday — Friday  
8.30am — 3.30pm

### Macquarie Directory

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Website: [www.macquarieps.act.edu.au](http://www.macquarieps.act.edu.au)

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## From our Principal continued ...

### HOME / SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

You may be aware that the Google + Communities accounts will be shutdown. On 2 February 2019, Google advised consumer users that on 2 April, any Google+ consumer accounts (ie Gmail/Hotmail, etc) and any associated Google+ pages created will be shut down. From April, Google will delete consumer Google+ accounts. Photos and videos from Google+ in your Album Archive and your Google+ pages will also be deleted. We have used this interface in the past to share learning and information with families. We have sent 3<sup>rd</sup> party provider permission notes home to create 'Class Dojo' accounts which will enable families to continue to receive electronic information about learning in their children's classes. As soon as we have the permissions back we can set up the accounts and begin using this system.

This year the P&C Facebook page has amalgamated with the school and soon the name will change to Macquarie Primary School. It will still be a great place to get reminders about what is happening each week and a place for us to show pictures and videos of things happening at school. Please like and follow our page to keep up to date with all the latest information.

Have a great week.

*Danielle*

### PARENT ENGAGEMENT SESSION

*Date:* Wednesday, 13 March 2019  
*Venue:* EALD Room (off the School Library)

Parents and carers are invited to attend a *Parent Engagement Session*. Our school Psychologist, Amy Rugendyke, will provide information about social development and how to support your child to manage changes in social dynamics, challenging situations or difficulty interacting within their friendship circles. The session aims to provide parents with strategies and responses to support their child when social issues occur. This session is designed for parents of students in years 4, 5 and 6 (preteens).

For more information please contact Jodie  
[jodie.rowell@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:jodie.rowell@ed.act.edu.au)

### HARMONY DAY

On Thursday, 21 March Macquarie Primary will celebrate Harmony Day. Harmony Day celebrates the cultural diversity of Australia and promotes inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging. Throughout the day students will participate in a range of activities focusing on cultures, countries and celebrations.

Students are encouraged to wear orange or their traditional dress. If you are interested in running an activity to celebrate your culture on the day please email [patrick.kien@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:patrick.kien@ed.act.edu.au) or [tarni.cassidy@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:tarni.cassidy@ed.act.edu.au) to get involved.

## NEWS FROM THE PARENT & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (P&C)

Thanks to everyone who attended the P&C Meeting last Wednesday. It was a successful night and we are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

We would like to welcome Claire as our Assistant Treasurer and Jane as our second Vice President. **The position of secretary still remains vacant.** If this is a position you could help with or would like to know more about, please contact the P&C on the email below.

The [Macquarie Primary P&C Facebook page](#) will be rebranded as the Macquarie Primary School page and will be managed by the school. It will continue to be an excellent source of information about what is happening in and around the school so please follow it.

As agreed at the meeting, the P&C will be funding:

- fruit ice blocks for all participants in our walkathon on Friday, 5 April.
- supplies for our ever popular Mothers' Day stall in Term 2.
- fruit for the Teddy Bears' Picnic later this term.
- a new bag for our marquee that is used at different sporting events.

Also in the works are a Friday lunch canteen provider, breakfast club, disco, a kids' trivia night and other activities. Further details on all events will be released throughout the term.

Want to know more or want to get involved? Contact us: [macquariepandc@gmail.com](mailto:macquariepandc@gmail.com)

*Sheree Murray, President*

### MERIT AWARDS

Please congratulate the following students who will receive merit awards at Assembly on Wednesday.

Cruz & Jonty (Meup Meup); Nima & Katja (Buruguns); James and Jacob (Gula); Nyandeng & Zac (Burus); Harriet & Ella (Tamariki); Maddy & Miles (Yurwin); Lucas & Layla (Jooba Budgiel); Dinar & Maisey (Whanau); Annida & Neve (Woggbaliri); Vanessa & Jude (Burumbul); Cohen & Eh Say (Wollway); Tommy & Io (Maliki); Ano & Rebekah (Birrigai); Issy & Bryce (Ohana); Awaan & Kanishka (Komiti Reta); Alex & Daniel (Daramoolen).

### NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Class Dojo	All families	Response ASAP
Voluntary contribution	All families	Payment when possible
Bus Wash excursion	Preschool	Perm ASAP
Mount Painter	Kindergarten	Perm & \$5 by 29/3



### SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS

Buy organic or local produce.